

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### The 11 Airmen

THE debate that has occupied so much of the time of the United Nations in the past week over the imprisonment of the 11 American airmen by the Chinese Government will persuade many who are sceptical of the efficacy and general usefulness of that body that it has, once again, demonstrated its great value and has added another achievement to its already long list of accomplishments since its formation. The Free World will generally approve of the measures taken by the United States Government to secure the airmen's release. Indeed had the administration succumbed to the pressure of the Republican extremists to enforce a blockade on the China coast it would have constituted serious contempt for the principles of the United Nations and it would have considerably weakened its prestige as an organisation specifically designed as a forum where international problems may be discussed and acted upon according to prevailing world opinion. Many will no doubt share the Indian view that justice, as the West knows it, demanded the presence of Communist China at the debate, that it should have been possible for Peking to reply at the United Nations and not via its official radio station. It might even be argued that had Communist China been represented in the United Nations before now and had the Americans adopted a less truculent attitude to Peking, the dispute may never have arisen. The case therefore should strengthen the resolve of a number of non-Communist nations to have the Peking regime seated as soon as possible. Under the circumstances, however, if other Democracies had employed India's argument to justify abstention in the United Nations voting, it would have meant sacrificing an important principle—that of the release of all prisoners of war following the cessation of the Korean hostilities—for a legal nicety which the West can ill-afford.

NOW the question arises: will China release the prisoners—and China's ultimate attitude will determine the success or failure of the United Nations authority in this case. The approaches made already by Mr Dag Hammarskjöld to the Peking Government and the indirect recognition of the Communist regime—that this move implies an opportunity which China may eventually use to secure official United Nations membership. A back-door method perhaps, but China can argue that it is an absurdity to have a world body which while not recognising a regime will still negotiate with it on specific issues. The United Nations after all is only a means of more facile diplomatic contact. Once the contact has been made, it borders on legal pedantry to continue a denial of full and complete recognition. China may therefore use this mode of contact to penetrate existing Western opposition to her admission. The freeing of the airmen, however, is likely to be a long process and a trying one to the Americans and her allies. India's assistance and her presentation of the American case to the Chinese may, in the long run, serve a useful purpose but for face-saving reasons alone China is unlikely to release the airmen for some time. In the meantime it is to be hoped that the West does not allow this new conflict to strain relations with the Communist bloc at a stage when the world is on the verge of solutions to a number of international problems.

# THE BIG FREEZE CONTINUES

## New Gales, Floods And Snowstorms Sweep The British Isles

### LONDON'S ICY ROAD MENACE

London, Dec. 12. Gales, floods and snowstorms swept the British Isles today in the third week of the worst weather since the disastrous floods of two years ago.

Some parts of Britain faced added perils today after heavy frost and snow. Flooded roads around London were frozen over and in north Yorkshire snow ploughs were clearing many roads as an overnight snow storm continued this morning.

The wintry storms were also responsible for these incidents:  
● Mourners for an elderly flood victim in the Irish Midlands went to her funeral by rowing boat. A sudden snowfall stranded a foot-ball team in the North of England for two hours.  
● High winds kept the Queen Mary out of drydock at Southampton.

The floods rose in Maidenhead, Berkshire, during the night and today parts of the main streets were under three feet of water.

In the west coast town of Fleetwood, Lancashire, emergency repair squads stood by the battered sea defences all night, but despite a 30 feet tide and a freshening wind the thousands of tons of rubble poured into gaps in the sea walls stood firm.

In the Thames valley the peak of the floods is expected today. Last night many roads were impassable as the river continued to rise.

## Woman Gets Top Czech Post

### Cabinet Reshuffle Announced In Prague

London, Dec. 12. A 57-year-old widow became the woman with the biggest Government post behind the "Iron Curtain" since Rumania purged her former Foreign Minister, Mrs Ana Pauker, Prague Radio said today.

Mrs Lucmila Janikovicova, a former Social Democrat, has held Cabinet rank in Czechoslovakia since 1947—even before the Communist coup d'état. She was Minister of Industry, then Minister of Supply and since 1950, Minister of the Food Industry.

In the Government changes announced by Prague Radio today, she becomes a Deputy Premier and the post of Food Minister is taken over by Jindrich Uher, former Premier and Minister of Agriculture.

**CONTROL MINISTERS**  
At the same time, Dr Václav Škoda, former Minister of Justice, was also appointed a Vice-Premier. Under the present Czechoslovak administrative set-up, the Vice-Premiers control different groups of ministries. The minor governmental reshuffle follows elections held in Czechoslovakia on November 28. The outgoing Government formally resigned and a new government was formed by Premier Václav Široký. The appointments of the two new Vice-Premiers were the main changes from the old list.

Mrs Janikovicova, a former teacher who has travelled widely in Europe, was a member of the Czechoslovak resistance movement during World War Two and was twice decorated. Her husband was executed by the Nazis. She has a son aged 10.

**POLITBURO MEMBER**  
In June this year she was elected to one of the highest posts in the Czechoslovak Communist Party. She became a candidate (non-voting) member of the Party's Politburo, which directs policy.

Russia has only one woman minister, Mrs Maria D. Kovrigina, appointed Minister of Health in March, 1954. She is not a Deputy Premier. The Jewish-born Ana Pauker, formerly Europe's leading woman Communist, lost her top posts in the Rumanian Government and Communist Party in a purge in the summer of 1952.—Reuter.

A sudden six-inch snowfall in Northern England's Westmorland County stopped a train carrying 300 football fans home from London until a snowplough arrived two hours later and cleared the tracks.

### REPAIRS BROKEN

At Wallasey, England, where the River Mersey opens out into the Irish Sea, winds of gale force blew in at high tide and crumbled repairs in a 40-foot gap of the sea wall for the third consecutive day.

Dry-docking of the giant 81,000-ton liner Queen Mary for her annual overhaul at Southampton was postponed for the second day in a row by 30 m.p.h. winds.

Dublin's southern suburbs dried out from a flash flood which drove 5,000 people from their homes last week. Metal workers worked Sunday overtime today at Stockport, England, on parts for a Bailey emergency bridge to replace the railway bridge which had to be blown up in Ireland because it was damming the swollen River Tolka.

The parts for the bridge, which is of the same type as those that were thrown across

the Rhine in the Allied advance of World War II, will be rushed aboard the first ship leaving Liverpool tomorrow and are scheduled to arrive in Dublin on Tuesday.

Rain fell fitfully today in the Irish Midlands around Athlone where 50 square miles of farmlands are under water.

Brats manned by soldiers and Red Cross families huddled on the thatched roofs of their cottages and carried fodder to cows and sheep stranded on tiny green patches of high ground.

### UNDER CONTROL

The Army authorities said that for the moment the situation was "under control". Hundreds of farmers were still refusing to leave their waterlogged lands and Army rescue boats brought them food and blankets.

Army rescue boats took Mrs. Bridget Hughes' funeral at Athlone today. Mrs. Hughes, 85, died in a hospital there on Friday after she was rescued from her flooded home. She was the only fatality so far of the Irish Midlands floods.

## Scotland Yard Got The Photographs

Sydney, Dec. 13. Scotland Yard, London's police headquarters, went into action to recover two photographs for an Australian woman.

While in London last year, Mrs Elizabeth Fraser of Melbourne, paid 6 shillings to a street photographer for two snapshots. She was due to sail home next day, but the photographer promised to mail the photographs.

Months passed with no sign of the snapshots, so, eventually, Mrs Fraser wrote to Scotland Yard.

The photographs arrived almost by return of post, with a letter from Sir John Nott-Bower, Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, saying he was pleased to have been of service. — China Mail Special.

## Mr Anthony Nutting Says: 'IF CHINA ATTACKED FORMOSA, BRITAIN WOULD BE INVOLVED'

New York, Dec. 12. Mr Anthony Nutting, chief British delegate at the United Nations, said tonight that a Communist attack on Formosa would be an attack on a United Nations member, "and of course Britain would be involved as a member of the United Nations."

He was speaking in reply to questions during a television interview. Asked if an attack on outlying Formosa islands would be considered an attack on the United Nations, Mr Nutting replied that it was not a good thing to advertise what one's intentions were to the potential enemy.

### BRITISH HELP

Questioned about the offer by Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, the United Nations Secretary-General, to go to Peking in connection with the case of the 11 American airmen imprisoned by Communist China, Mr Nutting stressed that this was Mr Hammarskjöld's mission and that he could not say what Mr Hammarskjöld would do.

But he added that the British Charge d'Affaires in Peking would do anything he could to help.

Asked if Britain would join the United States in an economic blockade of China if Mr Hammarskjöld's mission failed, Mr Nutting insisted it was not an economic matter but a matter of the Chinese having broken the Korean armistice agreement.

### CO-EXISTENCE

Mr Nutting said: "Peaceful co-existence is possible but I would not describe the co-existence we know today as peaceful."

He said the West was striking a trading balance between not throwing the Chinese into the arms of Russia and not giving the Chinese equipment for aggression.—Reuter.

### RARE SPIRIT

Mr Nutting, said tonight Mr Hammarskjöld, was approaching "with rare missionary spirit" the task of freeing the 11 American airmen.

Mr Nutting called the Chinese action a "great and grievous wrong". He cautioned, however, that Mr Hammarskjöld was not empowered to negotiate for the airmen's release but only to "make unrelenting efforts."

### NO RISK OF WAR

Mr Nutting said he saw "no risk" of war with the Communist world "as long as we in the West remain solid, united and strong."

Mr Nutting said his Government recognised China because "we felt we should realise the fact of the Communist government." He said this did not mean Britain approved of the regime.

Mr Nutting said British recognition of Communist China had not hurt Anglo-American relations. He said Britain's vote in the U.N. condemning the imprisonment of the American airmen showed that his country was "square behind the United States."

"We don't always have to go along the same road as long as we have the same goals," he said.—Reuter and United Press.

## Huge Waves Did This!



Huge concrete blocks, which had been tossed about like toy bricks by the huge waves, mark the breach in the sea wall caused by heavy storms at Fleetwood, Lancashire.

A gap some 300 yards long was torn in the wall. Now plans are in hand to evacuate 2,500 people in the event of floods.

Throughout the day, tons of rubble have been thrown into the breach in an attempt to hold back the sea from the fishing port.—Reuter.

## Tried To Steal A Battleship Piece By Piece

Kobe, Western Japan, Dec. 13. Police recently arrested a gang led by a 30-year-old Korean who, piece by piece, had been quietly stealing a Japanese battleship.

The battleship Mutsu was sunk near here in the Inland Sea during World War Two. Before they were arrested the gang had "salvaged" more than 50 tons of metal from the sunken hulk and sold it as scrap iron.—China Mail Special.

## Father Called Teacher

Mount Isa, Australia, Dec. 12. The father of a pupil at the State school here was fined £25 (£4 sterling) for having caned a 21-year-old woman teacher with a three-foot stick.

Pleading guilty to a charge of common assault, William Wheatley, a mine employee, told the court he had struck the teacher across the buttocks in front of her own class because she had struck his son the previous day.—China Mail Special.

## HONGKONG MAN DIES IN MALTA

### Allegedly Injured In Fight With Sailor

Valetta, Malta, Dec. 12. Hongkong's Principal Probation Officer Donald Arthur Peterson, 38, of Sydney, Australia, has died from injuries allegedly received in a fight with a British sailor near the well-known Hotel Phoenix.

John Tucker Thomson, 20, of Colchester, Ayrshire, a seaman-mechanic aboard the warship H.M.S. Striker, has been charged with murder.

Mr Peterson, who arrived in Malta last Tuesday, returned to his hotel early Thursday morning, covered with blood.



MR DONALD PETERSON

The porter asked him if he needed assistance, but Peterson replied: "No."

When he did not appear for breakfast later in the morning, Hotel authorities entered his room and found him unconscious.

He died later in hospital without recovering consciousness.—United Press.

### MR PETERSON'S VIEWS

Mr Peterson, who has done much for juvenile delinquency in Hongkong, accepted the post of Principal Probation Officer in the Social Welfare Office, in 1950. He was eminently qualified for his work, and had been a

clinical psychologist for four years before taking up his appointment in Hongkong, after having studied under Professor Dawson at Sydney University.

He took the Diploma in Social Science at Sydney, and then trained extensively as a case worker with the Australian Red Cross Society. Later he was appointed a counsellor under the scheme for rehabilitating ex-servicemen by the Australian Department for Post-war Reconstruction. He went to England in 1948 to broaden his experience and administrative organisation.

In Hongkong, Mr Peterson's duties included the building up of a modern and effective pro-

bation service with the object of preventing crime through constructive work with and for potential or actual delinquents.

### BROAD INTERESTS

Mr Peterson was a man of broad interests. In his youth he was at one time a professional kangaroo shooter and a keen horseman. He studied singing under Harold Williams, and sang leading roles in amateur opera.

He is survived by a widow, Mrs Corinna Peterson, and a mother, Mrs Clara Fraser, both in New South Wales, Australia.

## MORE 'CRACKS' SEEN ON THE MOON

### Warning To Space Travel Enthusiasts

Hold that rocket ship—the moon is cracking up. Dr H. Percy Wilkins, who has been studying the moon for 44 years, reported today that many cracks were appearing in its surface, and they seemed to be multiplying.

He said he feared the dream of just shooting a rocket ship at the moon in the belief that it would come to a safe resting place was over. From now on, rocket ships designed for the 240,000-mile journey would have to be able to direct themselves to safe lunar areas.

### FIRST SEEN IN 1891

Dr Wilkins is a self-named astronomer who specialises in the moon. He has just completed researches into the moon cracks which were first sighted in 1891.

He said he found many new ones and some in the process of being formed. They disturbed him because, as a member of the British Inter-Planetary Society, he was interested in space exploration.

But there was no need to fear that pieces of the moon would break off and hurtle through space.

"They are all surface cracks," he said, "ranging, I would say, from 50 feet to one mile deep. But they are very broad—even our biggest telescopes won't see anything

less than 200 yards across at that distance."

The cracks appeared to disprove of the theory that the moon was covered with a layer of dust, Dr Wilkins said. His own theory is that the alternate baking and freezing of the moon by its 300-degree variation in temperature from noon to midnight is responsible.

"But whatever the reason," he said, "it is going to make space ship landings hazardous until such ships are equipped to change direction as they approach the moon."—United Press.

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## AMNESTY REFUSED

## Fellagha Chief Offers To Surrender DEADLINE RUNS OUT

Tunis, Dec. 12.

The Franco-Tunisian authorities today refused amnesty to the last terrorist chieftain in Tunisia, who offered to surrender too late.

The amnesty deadline ran out at Friday midnight, after 2,713 members of the "Nationalist Liberation Army" had surrendered and given up 2,106 weapons to the Franco-Tunisian amnesty teams.

The authorities announced late last night that a surrender offer had been received late Friday from Tahar el Gharbi, the last of the known fellagha chieftains, who is believed to command a group of about 40 terrorists.

## SUSPECT

But an announcement from the office of the Resident-General, General Pierre Boyer de la Tour, said today that Tahar could not be pardoned because he was suspected of killing two prominent pro-Franco Tunisians while talks were in progress between the Franco-Tunisian amnesty teams and the terrorists.

The amnesty announcement was made after Tahar had been arrested by the Resident-General. He is accused of murdering during the period of negotiations. If he is to lay down his arms, he can only do so unconditionally.

General Boyer de la Tour was flying tonight to Paris to report directly to Premier Pierre Mendes-France on the success of the amnesty policy. Meanwhile, French troops and security forces in neighbouring Algeria were stepping up their efforts to flush the fellagha "Army of God" out of the barren Aures Mountains.

Two Arabs known for their pro-Franco feelings, were killed in the Aures yesterday by ter-

of bloody riots across Algeria on November 1. In Constantine, a bomb exploded before a local bar today and a merchant was shot and seriously wounded while walking in a main street.—United Press.

## PROTEST MEETINGS IN ITALY

Rome, Dec. 12.

Hundreds of protest meetings were organised by Communists and leftwing Socialists throughout Italy today on the eve of the parliamentary debate on ratifying the Paris agreements to rearm West Germany.

Several leaders of the Communist Party have already announced that they will not use obstructive tactics in the debate in the Chamber of Deputies opening tomorrow. Communist spokesmen, surprised by this restraint, predict that the Chamber will approve the Paris pact before the Christmas recess—if the Communists keep their word.

Monarchists and Neo-Fascists have already stated that they will line up with the coalition parties in supporting the agreements. This would mean ratification by a majority of about 50 votes in the 580-member Chamber.

A similar majority is expected in the Senate. At today's protest meetings, Communist speakers denounced the Paris agreement as a step towards war. But so far there is no indication that the party intends to organise serious resistance outside Parliament.

## MILD ATTITUDE

Government spokesmen thought one reason for this apparently mild attitude was the series of anti-Communist measures announced last week.

These included a clean-out of Communists in high Government posts, refusal of public works contracts to firms known to have Communist owners or managers, refusal of import and export licences to firms dealing with Iron Curtain countries and the severing of Government relations with hundreds of commercial and other co-operatives set up by the Communist Party in the past 10 years.

A Government spokesman declared that these measures would stop the flow of money like 27,000 million lire (about £15,000,000) into Communist Party coffers every year.

A spokesman of the coalition Government, which comprises the Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and the Liberals, said the Communist Party was now being forced into isolation and was anxious not to accelerate that process by making a tough line on the Paris agreements.—Reuter.

## Pegu, Lower Burma

Dec. 13.

An old lady who lived at Mokpalin, near here, committed suicide, leaving a written prayer that she should not encounter any Karens in her next existence.

She had been robbed of Kyats 500 (about £40), which she had saved to buy gifts for Buddhist monks as an act of merit, when Karens raided the town in October.

Heart broken that her life savings had gone, the old woman took her own life.—China Mail Special.

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SNOWCEM



Nuns pray in St Peter's Square, Rome. Anxiety is felt by Catholics throughout the world over the falling health of His Holiness The Pope.—Express Photo.

## ADENAUER LOSES CONTROL OF HESSE GOVT.

Frankfurt, Dec. 12.

Social Democrats in Hesse today made certain of keeping the state's administration out of the hands of followers of Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, by forming a coalition with the Refugee Party.

Dr Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democrats have already been excluded from the Government of the state of Bavaria by an alliance between the Socialists and other parties.

Elections were held in both states on November 28. In Hesse, the Social Democrats failed to win enough seats to govern the state single-handed, as they had done previously. But the Refugee Party's seven seats, added to their own 44, will give them a majority over the Christian Democrats (24 seats) and their allies, the Free Democrats (21).

The state boards of both the Social Democrats and the Refugee Party gave their approval to the alliance today.

The alliance in this state will not affect voting strength in the Bundestag, the Federal Upper House, which represents the state governments.

But the Social Democrats pact with three other parties in Bavaria will cost Dr Adenauer his two-thirds majority in the Hesse necessary to push through any constitutional amendment required for the rearmament of West Germany under the Paris treaties.

Bavaria was previously ruled by a coalition of Socialists and the Christian Socialists. Under the Bavarian branch of Dr Adenauer's Christian Democrats, but given the Premier, Dr Hans Ehard, was a Christian Democrat, and his party were the stronger partners, the Bavarian representatives usually voted for Dr Adenauer's foreign policies in the Bundestag.

The new Bavarian Premier will probably be Dr Wilhelm Hoegner, Social Democrats' Interior Minister in the previous Cabinet. The Bavarian Parliament meets tomorrow to elect the new Premier.

A few Christian Democrats are still hoping that the vote might upset the coalition agreement between the Social Democrats, and

## STILL HOPING

its three junior partners—the Bavarian Party, the Refugees and the Free Democratic Party.

## Afro-Asian Conference

At Djakarta

Djakarta, Dec. 13.

Five Asian Prime Ministers will meet here on December 28 to discuss the draft agenda of the forthcoming Afro-Asian conference to be held in Indonesia early next year.

The Premiers of India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon and Indonesia met in April and adopted a proposal of the Indonesian Premier, Dr Ali Sastroamidjojo, to hold a conference of all Asian and African nations as possible.

The Burmese Premier, U Nu, will be the first to arrive here on December 28, India's Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, and Sir John Kotelawala of Ceylon, are scheduled to arrive on December 28.

## INVESTIGATION

Sir John is expected to ask the conference for a full-scale investigation of Communist China's imprisonment of 13 Americans as spies, according to reports in Ceylon.

It is not yet known whether the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Ali, is to arrive on or about before the conference day.—Reuter.

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# PARIS AGREEMENTS OPPOSED

## West German Social Democrats Want Reunification

Bonn, Dec. 12.

Herr Erich Ollenhauer, West German Social Democrat opposition leader, who is due to meet Dr Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, tomorrow, tonight called for an all-out effort to keep the country free of new Western alliances.

Dr Adenauer is meeting Herr Ollenhauer in an attempt to get some bipartisan support before the Paris treaties, rearming West Germany in association with the West, come up for debate on Wednesday in the Bundestag (Lower House of Parliament).

The Ollenhauer message was sent in a statement to the executive of the Social Democrats, which ended a two-day conference today.

It said that in view of various Western declarations and the Russian warning that German reunification would be impossible in West Germany, the Social Democrats must use every means at their disposal to prevent West Germany's being drawn into NATO and the planned Western European Union.

### WANT TALKS

The Party issued a statement at the end of the conference, asking all West German Social parties to compel the four occupying powers to open talks with the Social Democrats for German reunification.

The Social Democrats said the Paris treaties would erect a barrier to reunification, which they consider the prime policy aim of West Germany.

In an unanimous resolution of the Party Executive, the Social Democrats declared that the four occupying powers must open talks with the Social Democrats for German reunification.

The formation of military blocs, including the idea that West Germany was being given priority over other powers, was also mentioned.

Dr Adenauer is also expected to receive a letter from the Soviet Union in Moscow, Germany, today, before a debate in an attempt to get support.

The Federation said at its congress earlier this year it would not agree to rearmament.



President Peron (centre) has an item explained to him by the General Secretary of the Atomic Energy Commission of the Argentine, Captain Iraolagotia (left) during his visit. —Express Photo.

## Int'l Conference Condemns Rearming Germany

Paris, Dec. 12.

An international conference here presided over by M. Edouard Daladier, French Prime Minister at the outbreak of war in 1939, stated tonight that the consequences of the London and Paris agreements, rearming West Germany, would be "extremely serious" for easing of international tension.

This was part of a statement approved by the conference, called to oppose German rearmament at the end of its two-day meeting.

Speakers included British Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Ben Parkin, former Austrian Minister, Dr Dobnerberger, and Professor Halser of Heidelberg University.

The conference was called to attention by its office to

## U.S. MUST KEEP UP GUARD

New York, Dec. 12.

Admiral Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said today that the United States must "keep its guard up" even if Russia accepted President Eisenhower's atoms for peace plan.

"We must hope Russia will go along with the plan, but we should treat all its movements with suspicion until we see what happens," he said on a television show.

Admiral Strauss said there had been "unfortunate misconceptions" about sharing atomic information with America's allies. He said "material of non-weapons grade" had been "quite widely distributed among countries" and "so much processing" would be necessary to make it into weapons that it posed no threat to U.S. security.

In response to a question, Admiral Strauss said unemployment would not "necessarily result" from increasing development of atomic power in industry. He said "many hundreds of companies are interested in developing the atom" for peaceful purposes, but that "all great scientific progress leads to more jobs and less back-breaking labour."

Admiral Strauss also said government regulation of the atom would continue because "this material is poison" and some supervisory action was essential. —United Press.

## SENATOR RECEIVES APOLOGY

Washington, Dec. 12.

Democrat Sen. J. William Fulbright, one of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's sharpest critics, has received an apology from McCarthy's backer who sent him an oblique letter during the recent censure debate.

Sen. Fulbright's aides said he received a second letter from Mr George J. Meek of Middle Village, Long Island, New York. The letter said "I am not proud of what I wrote, even though I feel you have been wrong."

Sen. Fulbright accepted the letter, writing in reply that he hoped Americans could keep their good humour even though they disagree.

The Arkansas Democrat was one of the three Senators who filed the original charges that eventually led to a 67-23 vote by the Senate to condemn McCarthy for abuse of two Senate committees and their members.

While debating the censure move on November 30 Sen. Fulbright read the Senate samples of abusive mail he had received from McCarthy's backers.

At the time, he said that the Wisconsin Republican "by his reckless charges has so preyed upon the fears and hatreds of untrained and credulous people that he has started a prairie fire, which neither he nor anyone may be able to control."

United Press.

## Christmas Trees Are Now Big Business.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 12.

Twenty-four years ago Roy Halvorson sprayed some white paint on a grubby little Christmas tree.

The transformation has made Halvorson a fortune, and a title he considers "backneyed"—the "Christmas Tree King" of the country.

"It was quite natural I got started in the tree business. I was born in tree country," he said.

Halvorson, 64, began improving on mother nature while selling trees during vacations from college. On one of his forays in the logs north of Duluth, he stumbled upon a "nondescript, courtless tree."

### FUNNY LOOKING

"It was funny looking. About 15 feet of bare trunk and four feet of perfectly formed tree at the top. The colour was a poor green, verging on grey or slightly yellowish. But the bushy portion was so well formed, I was obsessed with the idea it could be marketed."

"So I cut four or five of them," he said. Back home, he sprayed some white paint on them and the next day sold them.

"I had to give the money back before Christmas because the paint came off and the needles dropped," he said. "That's when I went to work. I must have experimented with hundreds of sprays and what have you until I found one that would act as a preservative and at the same time make the tree look pretty."

The next year I cut a couple hundred trees, sprayed them and got no complaints," he said. Since that time Halvorson has sold more than 20,000,000 of the small, sprayed trees. He uses only two colours, white and green, although he has a die cast model that comes already trimmed with ornaments.

### BIG BUSINESS

It's a big business now. Harvesting and processing of the trees began last February. After treatment with a special preservative, the trees were put in cold storage.

The first shipment of trees left Duluth in October for the Pacific Coast. Zinc and other foreign points, such as South America, West Indies, Switzerland.

About 20 carloads of trees daily leave Halvorson's big long processing plant here for all of the 48 states. Most of his sales are in bulk quantity to grocery supermarkets, drug stores, variety stores and other retail outlets.

Each tree goes equipped with what he calls a "liquid" tree stand. The liquid stays frozen until it reaches its destination, then thaws and gives the tree a "shot in the arm, or a new lease on life."

### INEXHAUSTIBLE

Halvorson has 200 men cutting the trees on 12,000 acres in Northern Minnesota and Southern Ontario. His supply, he said, is virtually inexhaustible because the trees reproduce so quickly.

"Our big job is thinning them." Before Christmas Eve rolls around, Halvorson figures he'll have sold a record number of trees this season—more than a million. —United Press.

### FIRST COPTER LICENCE IN N.Z.

Wellington, Dec. 13. The first licence issued in New Zealand for the operation of a helicopter has gone to a firm at Hamilton, in the North Island. The machine will be delivered before Christmas. It is an American Hiller 12-B. Wo. already ordered for it amounts to £13,500. —China Mail Special.

### London, Dec. 12.

The British Ambassador to Moscow, Sir William Hayter, arrived here by air tonight after a 10-day private visit to Paris. Sir William said he would be leaving again on Friday next together with Lady Hayter and their 14-year-old daughter to spend Christmas in Russia. —France-Press.

## COMMUNISM NOT ASIA'S SOLUTION

San Francisco, Dec. 12.

Sir John Kotelawala, Prime Minister of Ceylon, said last night that Communism is not the solution for the problems of Asia because it is materialistic and the Eastern civilisation is essentially spiritual.

Sir John made the statement at a dinner given by the World Affairs Council of Northern California and the Asia Foundation shortly after he told newsmen that on his return to Ceylon he would seek a meeting with the Premiers of the Colombo powers to discuss



SIR JOHN KOTELAWALA

Red China's imprisonment of 11 American airmen as spies. The Premier told some 200 guests that a new world has arisen in which the East has almost overnight amalgamated and involved itself with the West in an essential and inextricable sort of way.

"Asia can no longer be regarded as a passive partner in your affairs but as an active co-operator," he said. He said that peace is vitally necessary to Asia as the masses who for ages have endured poverty and misery can no longer continue to do so.

### AN OFFER

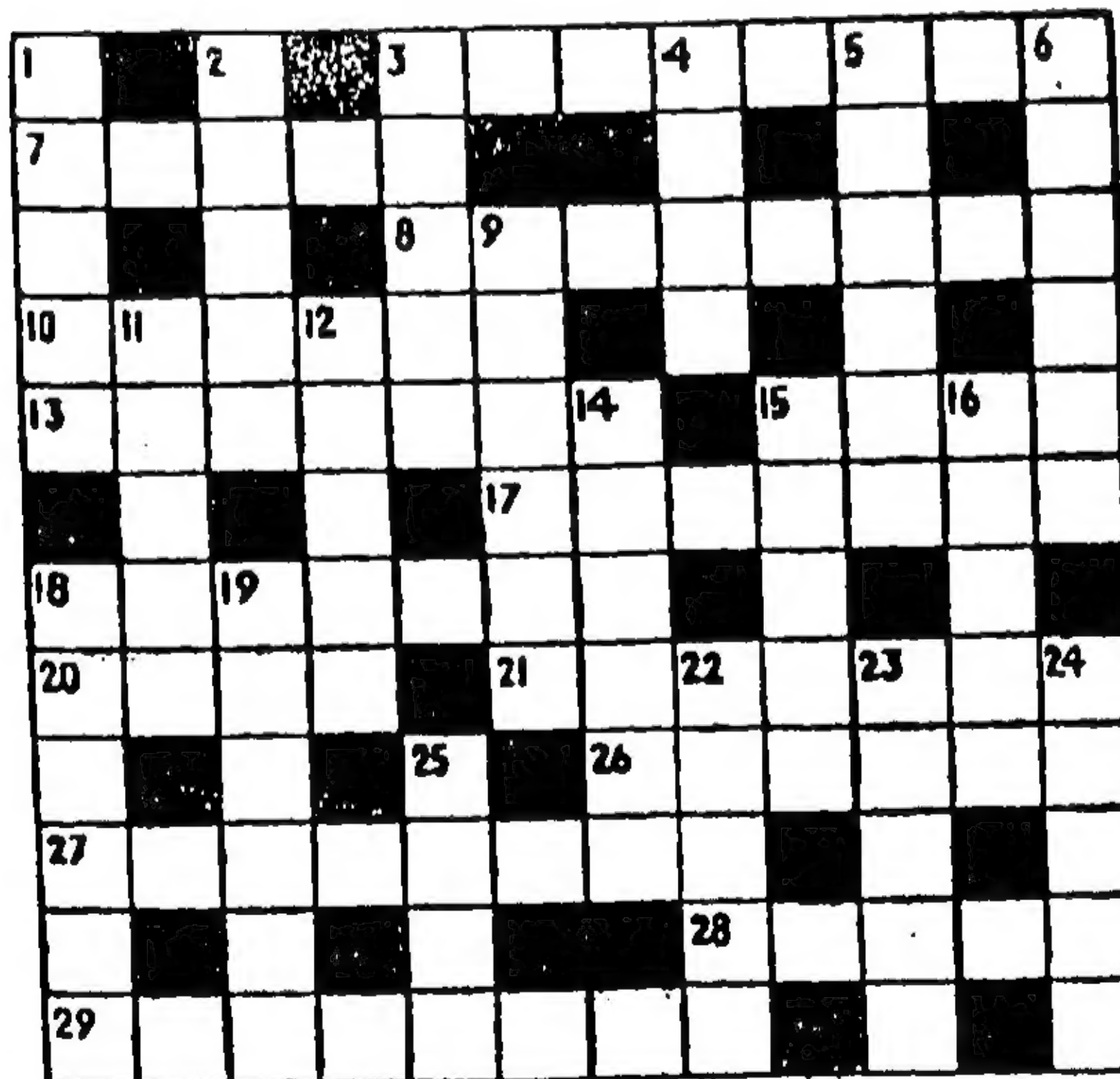
"Materialistic Communism has been offered as a solution to the East's problems," he said, "and I am convinced it is not the solution."

He said his country is seeking to create a political climate which will help to ensure for the people the things they desire and enable them to grow to full nationhood.

"The defence against Communism in Asia should be economic defence," he said, "since poverty is a challenge that has to be met by social planning."

"We are meeting the challenge by building and reorganising our economies in the best possible manner consistent with the genius of our people while preserving at the same time the best values of democratic society," Sir John said. He was introduced to the dinner guests by Mr Robert Blum, President of the Asia Foundation. —United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

- 3 Repr. ver. (8).  
7 H. W. (5).  
8 Took into custody (8).  
10 Sheep (6).  
13 Perfume (7).  
15 Inset (4).  
17 Set, part (7).  
18 Command (7).  
20 Indian nurse (4).  
21 Meeting (7).  
23 Girl (6).  
24 Lively (6).  
25 Ar. (5).  
26 Begot (8).
- 1 Climb (5).  
2 Seum (5).  
3 Acquire knowledge (5).  
4 Large plant (4).  
5 Part of the eye (6).  
6 Sober (6).  
9 Cooking instructions (6).  
11 Practice of lending money at exorbitant interest (5).  
12 Fish (5).  
14 Land a property (6).  
15 Gleam (6).  
16 Mass resignation (5).  
18 Royal residence (6).  
19 Relieving (6).  
22 Add local clause (5).  
23 Details (6).  
24 Rasp (6).  
25 Daybreak (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Cur. on. 5 Repr. 3 April, 6 Memoir, 10 Pupil, 11 Riled, 12 Even, 13 Nerts, 14 Cuck, 15 Elated, 20 Elder, 22 Jals, 23 Gifts, 25 Divan, 26 Rugged, 27 To. or, 28 Uter, 29 Y. arns, Down: 1 Commence, 2 Fampared, 3 Lair, 4 Ap. loc, 6 Ripened, 6 Eludes, 7 Drift, 14 Stranger, 15 Subhides, 16 Mar. r, 17 Destroy, 19 Legate, 21 Idiot, 24 Sura.

## Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer



By Robert L. May





THE MONDAY PAGE FOUR GETS DOWN TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER.

# MISTLETOE MANHUNT

ANNE EDWARDS

AND DRUSILLA BEYFUS ASKING...

WHICH ACE MAKES

A MAN AN ACE

OF HEART-THROBS?



PECK: A MOONLIGHT



CHEVALIER: OH! FLATTERY



HARRISON: ALAS! WOOLLY



SARGENT: FANCY! 58

WHAT is it that gets the girls? Is it a man's smile or his voice, his eyes or the breadth of his shoulders? Is it what he says or is it the way that he looks at her when he says it?

Is it good talk, flattery, success, of the "I can get you into pictures here" approach? On the eve of the Christmas party season we have cast a critical eye on four of the most successful charms on the scene—the men most girls would like to be seen at a party with—and out just what kind of a line it is that knocks the girls cold.

## His look

Under scrutiny: Gregory Peck (aged 38)

Rain-soaked, streaked with grease-paint, grey-haired, wrapped in a blanket and clutching a thick chipped mug of coffee, he looked the most attractive man in the world.

We found him filming the storm, sequence of "Moby Dick" at Elstree.

His dark eyes seemed to say so much, his warm smile seemed so inviting, his strong brown frame towered so protectively—that if he didn't say very much it really didn't seem to matter.

His eyes and his mouth smiled slowly and surely. He pushed the hair back from his forehead purposefully, looking down from a great height with a challenging glance full of insolence and promise. "Pity it's raining," he said.

He wandered forward, hands in his pockets, looking longingly at the girl he had just met as if she were the first to hit his desert island in years and he was certainly going to make her as welcome as he could. "This is a marvelous part to act," he said.

## His charm

Under scrutiny: Rex Harrison (aged 46)

The man who is paid to be charming highly as the star of

"Bell, Book and Candle" was making up for the part. Does he find it a strain being charming? "Well, I wouldn't put it like that," he said, being charming itself. "I think conscious charm cannot be charming."

To many women Mr Harrison is the dangerous man they would adore to meet, the man whose natural setting seems to be a silk dressing gown and a martini, the flirtatious, sophisticated, Noel Coward character who can play women with a whimsical quick of the eyebrow and a witty crack. And when he walked out on you, you feel, he would suavely order you a drink and fix a taxi.

Alas for the legend. When we met him he was in a woolly dressing gown, homely and human, explaining that he didn't really enjoy a flirtatious part so much as a play he could get his teeth into—like a play by Christopher Fry.

But when he got up to go on stage we noted he suavely ordered a taxi, fixed up a drink, and strode purposefully out of our life.

## His tenderness

Under scrutiny: Maurice Chevalier (aged 60)

We found him at a Press party in Paris. A square little

man with a moist pink face and a shock of white hair, his eyes twinkled overtime and he carelessly his words as if he were about to break into singing "Louise."

He kissed the lady's hand with a professional tenderness and a quick sharp glance at her figure. "You want to talk about Women?" he said, turning on the Chevalier chuckle and the well-worn Chevalier flattery. "Well, you're a very pretty girl. Let's talk about you."

## His elegance

Under scrutiny: Sir Malcolm Sargent, who is 58—but looks astonishingly younger.

Sir Malcolm is a lone wolf in the world where it is smart to be dishevelled. He is elegant beyond words, suave, and polished. He is a world-famous musician, and yet, one feels, as much a connoisseur of pretty women as of choral music.

We met him at Covent Garden, immaculate in a silk

coat after four hours' rigorous rehearsal which would have wrecked any other man's appearance. He relaxed in a seat in the stalls, sipping a glass of milk and sugar. "This is what keeps me going," he said charmingly, stirring in a little more sugar.

Easily he chatted on through the interval, his brown eyes flooded with warmth, his lean, keen face crinkled up in smiles. He talked about his new opera, his tremendous amount of hard work. "Some say too hard," he remarked.

On he went, obviously determined to show that success had not spoiled him. "I'm told I've got a lot of thyroid," he said modestly.

We reminded Sir Malcolm of his celebrated entrances at smart places when the famous English conductor arrived flanked by two ravishingly pretty women in mink. He laughed appreciatively. "Two is safer," he said in his winning way.

A fascinating man. Maybe a shade too practised.

# TRANQUILLISERS

That's the fancy name for the new souped-up sedatives which 'edgy wives' are taking... but should they? asks CHAPMAN PINCHER

DOCTORS are using a new word in their consulting rooms—a word which is a direct outcome of the turmoil of modern times.

The term is "tranquilliser". It means a drug designed to soothe the nerves of the overwrought, the overworked, and the over-anxious.

The demand for tranquillisers is now so enormous that they are the main money-spinning products of some manufacturers.

Amidst being prescribed in the Health Service are soaring as more and more patients go on the doctors' records as "nervous cases." About one patient in every three is being told that his symptoms are purely "psychosomatic"—the result of nervous tension, not of any detectable organic disorder. For these people a tranquilliser is becoming an essential part of the treatment.

Tranquillisers are "souped-up" sedatives with a direct action on the central nervous system. They are supposed to calm fear and anxiety without causing drowsiness.

They range in strength—and risk—from drugs which can be bought over the chemist's counter to agents so dangerous that even hospitals avoid using them unless absolutely necessary.

Some are synthetic, like methyl-pentonyl, the so-called "confidence drug," which is being taken as an anti-jitter pill by examination candidates, dental patients, and business executives about to attend board

meetings. Others, such as the new drug reserpine, are obtained from plants.

Reserpine, extracted from an Indian herb, was regularly taken in a crude form by Gandhi and is believed to have been largely responsible for his astonishing composure.

It is being used as a highly successful agent for lowering blood pressure, but its main medical and financial future seems to be as a tranquilliser.

Some manufacturers are even making tranquilliser mixtures designed to bring about physical relaxation of the muscles as well as mental calm.

In the treatment of clear-cut nervous disorders tranquillisers are of proved value but some doctors are already warning that they are being given to far too many people as "convenient capsules."

Said one London specialist: "It is bad medicine to give tranquillisers to the harassed housewife whose real need is an understanding husband, and to the business man whose real need is less work."

But tranquillisers have clearly come to stay. Their wide appeal undoubtedly means that we shall become still more a nation of compulsive tablet-takers, in a decade already well qualified to be called the Aspirin Age.

**The Ole Blind Mole**

FIRST catch your mole. Then make it atomic by putting a radioactive bangle on its tail. And you can then find out if your mole has rhythm.

A moles-have-rhythm girl is Mrs Gillian Crowcroft, who

works for London Zoological Society.

She releases the moles and then tracks their underground movements with an atom ray detector fixed to the end of a fishing rod.

The rays given off by the tail-bangles penetrate the soil and are picked up by the detector.

She knows when the detector is right over an atomic mole because earphones start rattling like a machine gun. Then she marks the mole's path with numbered pegs.

Mrs Crowcroft is working out the detailed rhythm of the mole's life—how much time it takes each day to feeding, sleeping, and looking after its young.

"The ability to keep in almost continuous contact with a mole means that a start can be made on these problems," she reports in the journal Nature. "Long periods of inactivity observation have revealed the nature of the mole's activity rhythm."

Reason for the fishing rod is to stop the mole knowing that it is being followed. Moles are so sensitive to vibration that they could detect even Mrs Crowcroft's dainty footsteps overhead.

The bangle is made of nickel and carries a small brass container holding a little radioactive cobalt.

Mrs Crowcroft is satisfied that the moles are not injured by the slight radioactivity. Nor is it dangerous to any fox or badger which eats an atomic mole.

RENE MacCOLL turns up in Ireland and finds you can still get a laugh even if it rains—and it does rain

# THERE'S NO BLARNEY IN KILLARNEY

CRAZY they told me I was when I said that I was going for a motoring holiday in Ireland in November. It will be too dreadful for words, they all assured me.

And indeed, the Irish Customs man at Rosslare, where we landed early on a grey morning after a monstrously rough passage from Fishguard, with the rain bouncing off everything in sight, grinned and said that he doubted if we would gather much sunburn during our stay.

The prospects did not seem auspicious. What might be described as the Public Relations side of Ireland has somehow never succeeded in touching a responsive chord in MacColl's high-pitched tenor voices singing of the Lake of Killarney, shamrocks, bog-bound banshees—all these failed signally to appeal. And on the short list of things which I am determined never to kiss, the Blarney Stone comes very near the top.

## My first visit... it's charming

So you had the situation that a character who didn't think he was going to like Ireland much anyway was visiting it for the first time (if you don't count a couple of bleary-eyed breakfasts at Shannon Airport on the way back from the U.S.) and at the worst period of the year. Madness. And so? So I am now in the midst of what, by all odds, one of the most enjoyable holidays I have ever had.

It has rained, of course; and the palm trees (for Ireland has her palms as well as her peat) often look as if they would never get dry again. And an after-dusk drive from Tralee to Limerick was a bit of an ordeal because only a few of the cyclists and none of the pedestrians or cows carried reflectors. And in Galway we couldn't get to sleep until 8 a.m. on account of the celebration banquet which the teams in the finals of the Gaelic football competition were holding at the hotel.

But these are small things compared with the beauty, the uncrowdedness, the friendliness and the charm. Charm is what comes naturally to the Irish, and it is a pity that some-

one once labelled it blarney. For blarney is a tiresome, pretentious word; a phoney which I bracket with that other tedious phoney—the gemütlichkeit which those stage Austrians are forever tossing around. On this trip I have encountered no blarney, but a great deal of charm and good manners.

Everything seemed to click. When we got to Dublin we asked what was on at the Abbey Theatre, and it turned out to be an offering entitled "Is the Priest at Home?" Didn't sound too encouraging, but we went anyway—and were rewarded by some acting that was terrific. I'd say that the cast was about in the same class as the best French actors, and I can't say fairer than that.

## Like fifty years ago

Ever tried Gaelic coffee? You put a dollop of Irish whiskey into a glass with hot coffee and sugar; and on top of that you lay a smidgen of whipped cream. Three or four of those and you are feeling singularly little pain....

Some of the prices, too, are almost painless. Out in the west, the Galway Bay oysters are 6d. each, which these days is practically Utopian. And I saw a perfect Georgian house, built around 1780, in good condition, which had just been sold for £200 free-hold. Almost like looking at the advertisements of 50 years ago, isn't it?

But there's always something to worry about everywhere you go, and so the people who do the worrying are staying awake at night over the fact that Ireland's population is not following the world trend.

Downwards is its direction, and books with titles such as "The Vanishing Irish" are whizzing from the presses. I would say that if you forget about statistics and just consider an enjoyment, Ireland today—population-wise—is perfect. You can drive for hours and hardly see another soul. And when you encounter another car—it's an event.

## The Irish have not vanished

Anyway, the Irish haven't vanished yet by a long chalk. (And those that are still around are apt to be remarkably good-looking.)

In order to demonstrate that they haven't vanished, they turned out in solid numbers to watch the Gaelic football finals at Galway, Gaelic football being a sort of amalgam of Rugby, Association and basketball.

It was lively stuff and we were standing there amid a mob of shouting fans, and presently a man came along and asked us to move back. I suppose we looked surprised, because he explained politely that we were standing about twenty yards inside the field of play. So

back we went, and a few minutes later we were all standing inside the field of play again.

**SURPRISES.** In Mullingar, a run-of-the-mill sort of place about 40 miles west of Dublin, there is a cathedral. And in this cathedral are two very fine mosaic murals of St. Patrick and St. Anne, designed by Boris Anrep, an ex-officer of the Czar's Imperial Guard, who did those mosaic pavements in the entrance to London's National Gallery.

It was strange, and rather moving, to find in this quiet provincial Irish town examples in the classic tradition of the religious mosaics of Russia such as I had admired in the Kremlin last spring. Moving—and heartening too, to know that these ancient arts, which are now preserved only as museum pieces inside Russia itself, are part of the living Church far away to the West.

**POLITICS.** I kept off them since this was a holiday. But a strange echo cropped up. I drove one day out to the extreme western fringes of Galway, lonely—and lovely—where, if I had gone any further I would have toppled into the Atlantic.

In a little red-roofed cottage over a sandy bay I found a retired Irishman who has withdrawn nowadays into isolation. He has no telephone or electric light or running water, and precious few neighbours. He prefers it that way.

He is affable and smiling and his manner is the gentlest imaginable. His eyesight is none too good and two huge magnifying-glasses a foot or more in diameter, were features of the simply-furnished living-room.

## Living with memories

AS we sat beside the peat fire talking of an episode of Anglo-Irish history which took place in 1910 I asked him unthinkingly why he had not then intervened, for a friend of his was involved.

"Oh, but you see," he reminded me with a twinkle, "I was on the run then."

And so he was.... "On the run." This cheerful grey-haired chap, plump now, and so short-sighted that he keeps his spectacles permanently fastened to his head with an elastic band, was very much "wanted" about 40 years ago. Photograph and description appeared regularly. A reward if he'd been turned in.... "On the run."

Times is a mocker of passions, a leveller of heroes, and a maker of friends. The man who had been on the run those four decades back reached easily for the kettle and fussed with the lamp....

Memories are the only things which stalk him now. Dimming memories.

Outside, as I left, the last of the daylight flung its fading dramatics like a threadbare quilt over the quiet hillsides.

I mean to come back to Ireland. Often.

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## THAT TREK GOES INTO REVERSE...

WELL, as envisaged on this page a few days ago, Whitehall followed Moscow's example and turfed out its millions of "able-bodied and redundant officials," packed them off to the vast industrial areas of the North and put them to "material and productive work."

There was only one small snag. By placing these millions of redundant officials in jobs in the North, millions of able-bodied workers already there became redundant.

"There is no such thing as unemployment while we are in power," said a spokesman of the able-bodied government in charge at the time. "The solution is simple."

And forthwith the able-bodied and redundant workers of the North were put to material and productive work in Whitehall. (Used above and below from both sides of the fence.)



## • BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THE headline, "Wanted, 40,000 Wives," made me think of the Ouph of Gaboria, whose filing system enables him to look up details about any wife who interests him.

## • JACOBY ON BRIDGE

East's Bridge Show Is Unconvincing

By OSWALD JACOBY

PROBABLY every parent is familiar with the antics of little boys who with the jam still wet on their faces, pick up a schoolbook and vow that they've been doing their homework all along. In today's hand East put up just such an unconvincing show.

The bidding set the stage for the show. South had a minimum opening bid, and West had a light takeout double, both players being influenced by favourable distribution. North properly rebooked to show his strength, and East could just about afford to make a free response of two hearts to the takeout double.

The second round of bidding was just as feverish as the first. South rebid the spades to indicate a good suit but a minimum hand with little interest in a low penalty double of the enemy.

West raised the hearts in the hope of indicating a good sacrifice bid even though he had a

NORTH 18	
♦ K J 3	
♥ K 10 7	
♠ K J 10 7	
♣ 6 2	
WEST	
♠ A 4 2	
♥ A 3 2	
♦ A K 8 4	
♣ A Q 8 7 2	
EAST	
♠ 10 5	
♥ Q J 8 5	
♦ Q 8	
♣ K 10 7 5 3	
SOUTH (D)	
♠ A Q 8 7 2	
♥ 9 3	
♦ A 9 5	
♣ J 9	
Neither side vul.	
South West North East	
1 ♠ Double Redbl. 2 ♥	
3 ♥ 3 ♠ 4 ♠ Double	
Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♠ K	

ready stretched his hand to the breaking point by doubling one spade.

North decided to end the nonsense by jumping to game in spades, and East doubled for penalties on the theory that his partner had "a very good hand for the takeout double and raise of hearts."

Practically every bid was a "stretch," although not one of them can be condemned as a bidding crime. The net result was a rather shaky contract hanging over it.

West began the defence by taking the two top clubs and the ace of hearts. Then he led a low heart and put it up to declarer to take the rest of the tricks.

It was obvious to everybody at the table that the contract would stand or fall on a diamond guess. Declarer obviously had good spades and the ace of diamonds for his opening bid, and the burning question was: Which defender held the queen of diamonds?

Declarer was the fourth trick with dummy's king of hearts and promptly led out five rounds of trumps. This was where East put his show. He discarded the queen of hearts and the queen of clubs, hoping that these cards would be considered strong enough for the bidding that he had done and that the position of the queen of diamonds would still be in doubt.

South was not convinced, however, by these shenanigans. He couldn't believe that East would have bid the hearts freely and would have doubled four spades with just two queens and a jack. Even with the heart queen, East's bidding was barely justifiable. So South played the diamonds by finessing through East, and made his doubled contract.

## CARD SENSE

With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been: South West North East 1 Spade Pass 2 Clubs 2 Drms. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-9-7-6, Hearts K-Q-9, Diamonds 7-5-4, Clubs A-2. What do you do?

A—Did two spades. You have only 14 points in high cards, but the two doubletons and the strong six-card suit are enough extra strength to justify a free bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-9-7-6, Hearts K-Q-9, Diamonds 7-5-4, Clubs A-2. What do you do?

While the Ouph was counting his first 73 wives, he told a reporter, "We are just good friends." In Gaboria, they tell the story of an unsophisticated country girl who, when the Ouph's attention seemed to be straying from her, asked plaintively, "Ouph-Ouph-Ouph, is there somebody else?" The Ouph howled with laughter. "There certainly is," he said. "Two hundred and fourteen of them, not to be too precise." When the disillusioned girl went back to her Ma, the Ouph hummed cynically the old Gaborian song: "I've got a swing door in my heart, there'll soon be another along."

I was misinformed

DEAR SIR,  
Beachcomber has slipped up badly. He reports that a usual pea-pusher's training includes "pea-punching with alternate nostrils." Any pea-pusher could tell him that this is nonsense. The whole art of the pea-pusher is to push the pea with the bulb of the nose, i.e., the part immediately above the nostrils. Anyone who tried to push a pea with his nostrils would get it stuck in one nostril or the other. Nor do pea-pushers punch near when they are training. They prod tiny bags of lead (again with the bulb of the nose) to harden the nose. It is true that Loudoun of Thirk used to push a pea with the bridge of his nostrils, but he was disqualified for this at the Cardiff Rally and Festival of 1951.

Yours faithfully,  
George Farren.

Diary for 1955

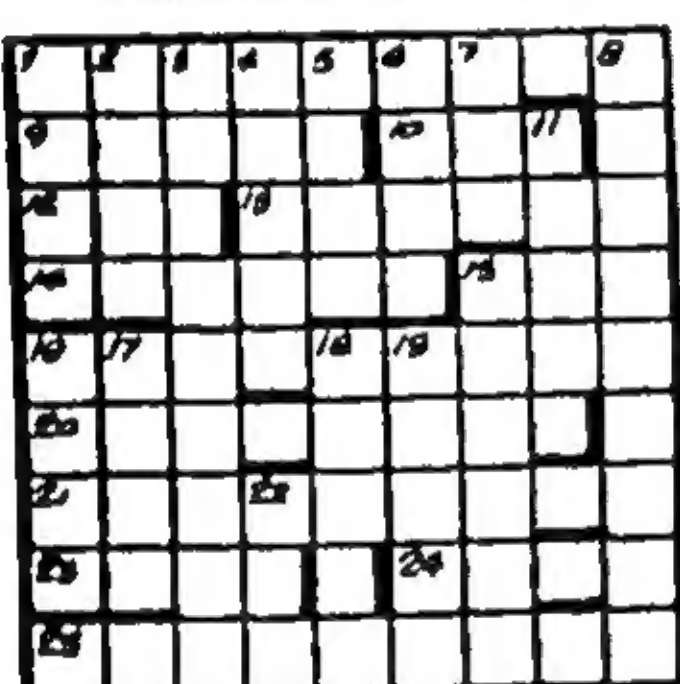
APRIL 14: Powers granted to the Atmospheric Pollution Board to evict any householder or tenant who lights a coal fire during the winter months.

APRIL 17: Mass meeting of novelists in Trafalgar Square to denounce the campaign against filthy books.

MAY 3: Seventeen villages demolished because the inhabitants interfere with motorists by crossing the village street.

MAY 7: Politicians returned from visit to Russia, report that they saw no interference with religion.

## CROSSWORD



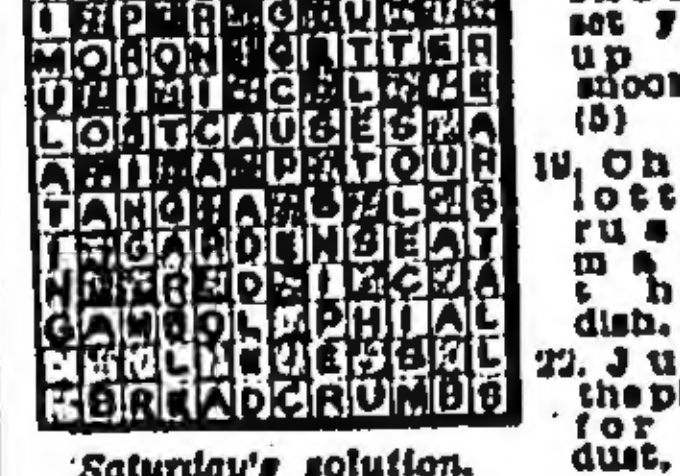
Across

1. Have a go, artist and mix it up. (6)
2. Does this canon sing in the same key? (6)
3. You can take tea and do this. (6)
4. "Ob—like to be beside the asside"—goes the song. (11, 2)
5. An important job when added to tea. (6)
6. A little out of context, but the shadow—children with the turned-about names. (one minute I think I will. The next minute I'm sure I won't.)
7. Dazzling movement from the East. (6)
8. Abominable snowman. (4)
9. Down to law. (4)
10. The Fleet's lined up in a calm place. (4, 5)

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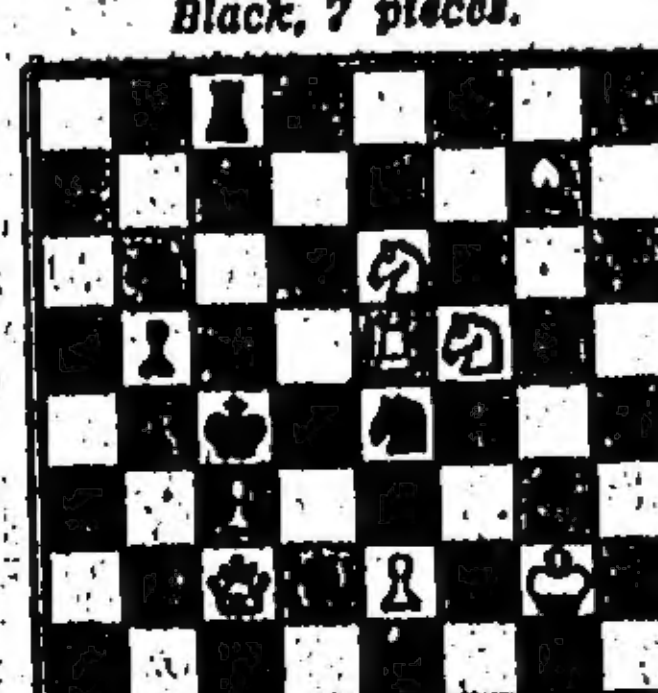
1. Maid looks different. (4)
2. The French writer takes anger from the gingerbread. (4)
3. A lie, Count! You give me the flourish. (6)
4. Halting point for the brave. (6)
5. One of the piece was dimed. (4)
6. Try out. (4)
7. With a meal, it makes porridge. (6)
8. The lady's a witch! (6)
9. If they're on edge, you're on edge. (6)
10. A man from Spain. (6)
11. This will count two on the table. (6)
12. It describes the strain sometimes. (4, 5)

Saturday's solution.



## CHESS PROBLEM

By L. SCOTT  
Black, 7 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. B—Q7, threat 2. Q—K5 (ch).

2. B—Q7, threat 2. Q—K5 (ch).

3. K—K5, threat 4. K—K5.

4. K—K5, threat 5. K—K5.

5. K—K5, threat 6. K—K5.



## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

BORN today, you have a rather complex personality. You are a natural scholar and love knowledge, not merely for the sake of learning but of having the opportunity to impart your knowledge to others. You would do well in teaching, public lecturing or writing. You also have a poetic strain.

On the other hand, you are eminently practical where a practical mind is needed. You do, sometimes, "fly off the handle," for you have a high temper and are quick to show it if you are crossed. You are moody, too, and must learn to cope with this side of your nature. If you do not, it may bring heartache as you grow older. Your emotions are near the surface and if you try to repress them you will find that you are unhappy—and when you are unhappy you become irritable and impatient.

Among those born on this date are: Heinrich Heine, poet; More Concely, playwright; Bishop Phillips Brooks, hymn composer; Mary Todd Lincoln, Ambrose Spencer, noted jurist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): You can speed up your efforts toward your important project in hand.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): This could be a good day to finish your Christmas shopping. There are fine bargains to be found.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Try not to be disturbed if there is a temporary delay in securing some important desire.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21): Follow some secret ambition. Work quietly for results, rather than talk for by positive, constructive action you may achieve much.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Be as progressive as you want now for by positive, constructive action you may achieve much.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): Look to your health. Give it the necessary attention. Perhaps the annual checkup is in order.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): You can dream a little, today! And some of those dreams may come true.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): One of those so-so days. Just as along with your normal routine schedule and all will work out.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): If you are content, you will be able to see your most important desire come true.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): A time when your secret ambitions may be fulfilled. You won't need to tell about them; actions speak loudly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23): Your ambitions should be realized today both at home and at the office. Your loyalty is undisputed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20): You should be feeling on top of the world—and good health makes it easy for you to hold hard.

DUMB BELLS



## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Travelling's For the Birds

—All Except Chirpie, He Likes Home—

By MAX TRELL

"I CAN'T make up my mind," Chirpie Sparrow was saying to Knarf and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names. "one minute I think I will. The next minute I'm sure I won't."

Kind Shadow-Children

Chirpie Sparrow went on like this a bit longer. Every now and then, he interrupted himself to swallow a bread crumb. For he was on the window sill where the children had spread their morning crumbs. Now that the weather was turning cold, they were very careful not to forget Chirpie's breakfast.

"And I certainly would be happy," Chirpie went on, "if one of you—in fact if both of you—would help me make up my mind."

"But Chirpie," said Hand, "we can't help you make up your mind, until you explain what you can't make up your mind about."

"I see what you mean," said Chirpie. He was about to eat another crumb, then he stopped. It seemed like a better idea to explain first.

"What's bothering me," he said, "is this. Should I or shouldn't I fly to South America?"

Hearing this, Knarf and Hand both gasped: "South America!"

A Delightful Continent

"Yes," said Chirpie. "It's a long trip. But all the other birds do it every winter. The robins and the wrens and the thrushes and the swallows—I guess everybody but the crows and the owls and one or two others—are all getting ready to fly to South America now. It's a fine warm place."

"We've never been to South America," said Hand.

"Neither have I," said Knarf. "I guess we're missing here. But the robins and the others tell me it's delightful in South America—warm and sunny."

with plenty of food for everybody.

"It sounds like a wonderful idea," said Knarf.

"The robins want me to fly with them," said Chirpie. "They say they have a beautiful palm tree all picked out for me. I've never lived in a palm tree, you know."

"Why don't you go, then?" Hand asked Chirpie.

"It's a long trip," said Chirpie—"hundreds and hundreds of miles. It takes weeks to get there. I suppose I could do it. The wrens are much smaller than I am. They do it. But that's not the real reason why I can't make up my mind."

Chirpie helped himself to the last few bread crumbs on the window sill. Presently he continued: "The real reason I can't make up my mind is that I just don't like leaving home. I don't like flying away from this neighbourhood. It gets awful cold, I know. It rains and snows and blows, and if weren't that you left bread crumbs on this window sill for me, there'd be plenty of days when I would go hungry."

Chirpie was silent for a few minutes.

"And yet I like it. I'm used to it. This is where I belong."

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## WOMANSENSE

### Fashion Show For Royalty

By DOROTHY BARKLEY

London. The twelve men in fashion's forefront forsook their Mayfair salons recently and took temporary possession of a grand-style home in Carlton House Terrace. It was lent by Lady Camrose as the setting for their annual fashion show staged before the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret.

By the time the royal party arrived, the house had been transformed into a flower shop. Banks of chrysanthemums brought colour to the rooms, ivy leaves twined realistically up the pillars, and laurel leaves decorated the lift.

The royal party sat on tapestry chairs under an archway of white chrysanthemums. The Queen Mother in emerald green silk and pearls, Princess Margaret in black velvet and mink.

Among the 60 dresses paraded—each of the twelve men of fashion contributed five—did Princess Margaret see any she would like for her Caribbean trip? Certainly, many of the dresses seemed more suitable



Pierre Balmain designed this full-skirted dress, in rose printed cotton, with a picture frame neckline.

for a sunny climate than a damp London summer.

Victor Stiebel, Princess Margaret's own designer who will almost certainly make some of her four dresses, showed a white lace dress tied with a white satin cummerbund and topped with a black velvet coat featuring the new molon above. Hardy Amies struck an equally summery note with his short evening dress in vivid pink silk. It had a bouffant skirt, shocking shoulder straps and diaphanous stole.

Other details were cool: hats, chandeliers, earrings, and damask, the table cloth material. The model wearing the damask dress was warned not to sit down in case it got creased. The use of this material was just an experiment, though. If it's a success, the linen manufacturers have promised to produce a crease-resisting variety.

### 1955 Shoe Styles

LOOKING to 1955, the shoe manufacturers showed their new styles. Taking a heel style from one country and a fabric from another, it is clear that their outlook has become international. In one collection, there were wedge-heeled sandals in cork from Italy; colours like khaki and sky blue from Paris; and materials like linen and, candy-striped cotton from America.

The usual blacks and greys are right out of the picture. The lack of all of shock colours like fuchsia, and pastel pinks and blues which have been designed to go with silk and cotton prints. There's a new pearly calf leather, dyed in pastel shades and used for strip sandals.

Evening sandals—called pull-overs since they have no fastenings—have been given the glamour treatment. They are made in a fabric woven with a new gold thread. Unlike the gold thread which came on the market a few years ago, this new thread can be washed and will not tarnish in the heat. First produced in America, it has proved so reliable that it is



A durably pleated Dorville dress with drawstring top, inset elastic belt and bell skirt.

now giving lustre to things ranging from evening sweaters to dining-room curtains.

Your feet are killing you—but not if you wear shoes with the new low heel. Manufacturers have taken note of male criticism that high heels can't be comfortable. They have decided that women walk better and feel happier in lower heels. So they have chopped half an inch off the old fashionable heel, bringing it down to two and a half inches. To match the new height they have devised a shape which is straight and spiky.

Some of these shoes could have stepped from a space-ship from Mars. They have futuristic-looking details such as postage stamp squares printed in colours on the toe, and heels pared down one side. Not quite symmetrical, they have been nicknamed the "Picasso."

In devising new fashions, though, shoemakers remember the practical side. Walking shoes are now made in soft glove leathers and have nylon mesh insets for coolness. Where suede is used on court shoes, it is specially treated so that its dye cannot discolour the stocking.

## The Art Of Using Perfume

UNLESS a woman cultivates the art of using perfume she is losing out on a beauty and personality asset!

The first step is to find a fragrance that is exciting, makes one feel lovelier.

One must learn to be a "perfume sniffer." Every cosmetic counter has little vials to be sampled by customers before they make selection.

Don't judge by sniffing the bottle. Put perfume on your wrist or the back of your hand. Wait a few minutes until the alcoholic content has evaporated, and you'll have the true fragrance.

Don't send your nose into a state of confusion by testing too many scents. If you don't like the first few you try, wait until another day to make a decision. It is vitally important that you find a fragrance with which you can live happily and which you can enjoy to the fullest.

If it kindles an appreciative gleam in the eyes of those with whom you come in contact, you can know your perfume is right for you.

Nearly all toiletries are delicately scented, but let your perfume dominate. Use very lightly scented accessories such as bath salts, toilet water, dusting powder, creams and complexion powders.

Too much perfume, overpowering and headache-making, is a mistake in any surrounding. You may have heard that many men object to perfume being used by career girls, but don't believe it. It's much more intriguing than a soap-and-water odour.

A survey made by the perfume industry showed that 67 per cent of the business men interviewed do approve of women wearing perfume in the office.

Some of us find it not too difficult to get along without certain necessities, but life is a bit dismal if the perfume vial is empty and we can't go to the nearest beauty shop and get a new supply.

—HELEN FOLLETT

# TOYS

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## PENTANGULAR TOURNAMENT

ARMY SCUTTLE THE NAVY  
AND CLUB FIND THAT  
LUCK IS ON THEIR SIDE

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon at Sookunpoo the Army scuttled the Navy and the Navy's chance of becoming the Pentangular winners this year when they beat them soundly by 14 points (2 tries, 1 goal, 1 penalty goal) to 3 points (1 penalty goal).

Following this the Club had luck on their side when they overcame the Police by 8 points (1 goal, 1 try) to nil. On Saturday morning the Navy's two centre three-quarters, Hewitt and Lloyd, both reported sick, and the Navy, despite all the available manpower, had to juggle their team around to get two new centres.

The three line as a result consisted mostly of wingers, who just did not combine well together. Luckily for the Navy, Harris at full back played a storming game and saved quite a few dangerous situations.

The Army three also were not up to their usual polished standard, and their passing at times, left much to be desired. It was therefore that the Navy's man in this match, and it was he who provided most of the openings for his three to score.

Mainly this was a forward game, and Thomas and Ferry of the Army, and Anderson of the Navy, were the best in this department.

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## DIVING ROBBERY



A bold dive by Sheffield United goalkeeper Burgin takes him to the feet of Charlton Athletic inside-right Stuart Leary to rob him of an almost certain goal in the First Division game at the Valley, London. (Charlton won 3-1.—Reuterphoto.)

Week-end Of Upsets In  
The Cricket League

By "GOOGLY"

Both the RAF and Recreio lost their unbeaten records in the Senior and Junior divisions of the Cricket League respectively over the week-end, the airmen going down to the strong Army South XI by nine wickets at Sookunpoo while Recreio were humbled by Dockyard at King's Park, going down by three wickets.

It was a week-end of upsets with no fewer than three matches in the Senior Division and two in the Junior being won by the "underdogs." The major upset in the Senior Division saw Police beating the Optimists by 26 runs at Happy Valley.

The home team went in to bat first and amassed a total of 180 runs, the main contributors being Williamson (35), Woodhouse (30), and Renton (22). The last named claimed five wickets for 46 runs. In reply to the Police total, Optimists could only muster 134 runs.

Over at the other side of Happy Valley, CCC's George Souza struck his old form, carried his bat for an undefeated 77 and paved the way to victory for his side. CCC declared their innings at 161 for four.

The Recreio boys encountered difficulty in the opening when four of their batsmen were sent back to the pavilion with only 18 runs on the board. Then Dr Eddie Gosano went in

and had a good knock for 31 runs, being the only Recreio batsman to reach double figures.

After only 16 overs the Recreio team were all back at the clubhouse with only 75 runs. CCC won by 80 runs.

## LUCKY SCORPIONS

The other minor upset in this division was in the Scorpions-Navy game at Chater Road. The home side were lucky to salvage one point from the sailors. The Navy, with some new faces in the side, went in to bat first and collected a huge score of 211 for seven. Longworth and Murray were the principal scorers for the sailors, the former knocking up 50 and the latter 67.

L. Stanton was the only batsman of the home team who scored up to the Navy's attack. He was undefeated with 68.

As predicted, the Army South whitewashed University and came away with four points and a ten-wicket victory. The undergraduates could only muster 77 runs before they declared for eight. The Army's opening pair of Withall and Medd surpassed the score without any difficulty.

In a postponed match played at Sookunpoo yesterday, Army South defeated RAF by nine wickets. RAF started off shakily and three wickets fell with only 14 runs on the board. Lee, batting stubbornly, defied the Army attack and contributed a very useful 31 before he was leg before wicket.

Withall and Medd once again did what was necessary with the former scoring 35 and the latter 45 not out.

In the Junior Division, Dockyard can boast of being the first team to lower the Recreio colours with a fine three-wicket victory.

The other upset in this division saw the IRC "A" going down to the Navy in a low

Inter-Hong  
Cricket Match  
Drawn

The annual Hong cricket match between Jardines and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank elevens ended in a draw at Chater Road yesterday.

After scoring 180 runs for eight wickets Jardines had apparently laid the foundations to victory and but for a stubborn Balfour-Rogers partnership or Wayfong would have won the day.

Jardines  
P. J. Hart, caught at wicket, b. 54  
D. Hunter, b. Atkinsonhead, 42  
D. V. J. Clark, b. Atkinsonhead, 28  
J. C. Miller, b. Atkinsonhead, 13  
Atkinsonhead, 13  
A. S. Grant, not out, 10  
H. D. M. Barton, c. Balfour, b. 6  
Atkinsonhead, 6  
R. G. Colman, c. Atkinsonhead, b. 6  
A. J. Bowen, b. Nelson, 6  
J. W. Baird, not out, 9  
Extras 9  
Total (for 8 wks dec.) 180

D. P. Inglis and F. E. Coles did not bat.  
Fall of wickets: 1-108, 2-100, 3-126, 4-126, 5-126, 6-126, 7-100, 8-126, 9-126, 10-126.

Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
Atkinsonhead 17 72 4 1  
Nelson 15 58 2 1  
Lever 13 58 2 1  
De Brunner 1 24 1 1  
Hutton 1 24 1 1  
H.K. Bank  
Atkinsonhead, b. Miller 14  
Skinner, b. Clark 7  
Lever, b. Miller 7  
Nelson, b. Colman 6  
Hutton, b. Colman 6  
De Brunner, b. Barton 6  
Crosby, b. Colman 6  
Miller, b. Colman 6  
Balfour, not out 16  
Rogers, b. Grant 6  
Hudson, not out 12  
Extras 12  
Total 129

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-43, 3-70, 4-84, 5-88, 6-90, 7-93, 8-93, 9-128, 10-128.  
Bowling Analysis  
O M R W  
Clark 11 6 10 1  
Miller 10 5 48 2  
Barton 9 0 41 1  
Colman 9 0 2 9 4  
Grant 1 0 0 1

THE TEAMS  
Army: Patterson, Owen, Blincoe, Ingall, Brentford, Parkinson, Bovan-Thomas, Reid, Booth, Chisholm, Ferry, Thomas, Coulthurst, Hill.  
Navy: Harris, Sheering, Shelton, Hassell, Alwood, Walter, Wolfe, Bynon, Lacey, Richards, Annandale, Harris, Tonkin, Westbury, Culverwell.  
Club: Stoker, Morrison, Ewart, Rainger, Inglis, Turville, Henderson, Slack, V. Russell, Rogers, Hargroves, Armstrong, Wright, Martin, Talamo, Petrie.  
Police: Brown, Nash, Scott, McNeill, Forsyth, Sloan, Elliott, Dunnell, Colborne, Shelly, Perry, Todd, Bryan, Carpenter, Dawson.

British Team Wins  
Cross Country

Charlton, Dec. 12.  
Peter Driver, the British Empire six-mile Champion, won the International Grand Prix de Cyclo-cross country race to beat Belgium's Lucien Theys by five yards, with a Britain's Derek Walker third, 10 yards behind.  
Driver's time was 34 minutes and 48 seconds. No times were announced for the other runners.  
Britain won the team event with Belgium second.—Reuter.

Stewards Must  
Probe Into  
New Hurdles

Racing Reporter JAMES PARK

London.

The new brush hurdles are in the experimental stage and alterations may be necessary—but I am all in favour of these new obstacles. Tim Molony suggests that a better test would be provided if the height was increased six inches and sloped at a greater angle.

At present they provide a modified form of steeplechasing.

I would suggest that the stewards of the National Hunt Committee call two conferences. One could consist of half a dozen of the leading jockeys who have ridden over the new type. The other could be made up of a similar number of trainers who more or less confine their attention to racing under National Hunt rules.

## DIFFERENT VIEWS

Why I suggest two conferences instead of a mixed one of trainers and jockeys is that there are two different viewpoints to be obtained.

The jockeys have had the experience of riding over the obstacles, and it could be discovered whether others agree with Molony that an alteration in height and sloping is the answer.

The trainers regard the matter mainly from the effect on the horses. There does not seem to be a unanimous opinion among the trainers I spoke to, but the majority favoured the new type because the horses are less likely to damage their legs.

That does not necessarily come from bad jumping as so many seem to think. Some of the best hurdlers I have known would rap the obstacles without losing any ground. One such was Trespassey, the best hurdler I have seen.

## CANNOT ESCAPE

It is swinging hurdles which cause most damage, and the best jumper in the world cannot escape that.

It is beside the point to say the brush hurdles will cause horses to take chances when they are put over fences. There is a vast difference between the two branches of National Hunt racing, and they should not be confused.

With proper schooling a "chaser" can be made to realise fences have to be cleared and not merely brushed through. There is just as much difference between "chasing" and hurdlers as between flat-racing and hurdlers.

Having gone so far, the stewards of the NH Committee should probe the matter still further to see if they can provide an obstacle which will call for the same type of jumping as in the past.

I do not think the top of the brush hurdles should be stiffened. That would transform them into small fences, and that should be avoided. I am inclined to think that Tim Molony may have supplied the answer.

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RESULTS

The following were the results of the Colony Hong Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship matches (First Round) played during the week-end:

At KBGC, Gilman's (Timothy/Rahman) beat Sanitary Dept (Champelevier/Omar) 20-13; H.K. Land Office (Doer/Wilson) beat Army (Linders/Goldsmith) 24-15; KDC (Gourlay/Elliott) beat Central Radio (Dr Atienza/Cotton) 28-18; Tai-koo (Spence/McA Fraser) beat Ho land China (Van Heek/Tang) 17-14; B & S (Curry/Wyler) beat SCM Post (Luke/Fonseca) 21-13; Marine Dept (Fletcher/Ebbs) lost to E. M. PWD (Baker/Greenwood) 10-23; HK Aircraft (Green/Parker) lost to DCI (Neish/Leonard) 10-23.

At Recreio, EDC (G. Hill/Agnew) lost to Marine Dept (Traill/Edwards) 16-23.

At KCC, HKEC (Cochran/Neves) beat Inland Revenue (Finney/Scott) 20-18; PWD (Cottier/Arles) to Talkoo (Douglass/Gardner) 11-20; CHKEC (Nunes/Rumjahn) rec'd w/o from Police (Ross/Askew).

At KDC, Lowe, Birmingham (Gordon/Watson) lost to H. Nolasco (Pereira/Silva) 10-38; She Wan Yuen (Squire/Oelho) beat AFC (Guttera/Pereira) 23-14; Lane Crawford (Leo/Ozley) beat Rondon (Castillo/Gautier) 41-9.

JOLLY ROGER'S  
NEW INTEREST

London, Dec. 12.  
Dr Roger Bannister, the first man to run a mile in under four minutes, is to help boys to keep fit in his spare time.

The British runner, who last week announced his retirement from international racing, has become President to the Filene's Scheme Panel of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, which aims at testing powers of speed, spring, skill, strength and stamina.—China Mail Special.

Rex Layne And  
Neuhaus Fight  
To A Draw

Dortmund, Germany, Dec. 12.

America's Rex Layne, the "Utah Bull" boxed a draw against Heinz Neuhaus (Germany), the European Heavyweight Champion here tonight. Layne attacked non-stop in the early part of the 10-round bout.

Then Neuhaus, fifth-ranked world heavyweight fought back. In the last round they traded punches toe to toe but neither could get in a finishing blow.

The verdict brought a storm of protests from the crowd of 15,000, who thought the American had won. Layne was carried shoulder high to his dressing room.—Reuter.

Lille, Northern France, Dec. 12.

France's Charles Humez, European Middleweight Boxing Champion, today defeated the Spanish Middleweight Champion, Pedro Gimenez, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-round non-title bout.

Humez, fighting in his native region the first time for more than a year, won when the referee stopped the fight.

Humez became Champion of Europe earlier this year when he won the title from Britain's Randolph Turpin.—France-Press.

RHODES SCHOLARSHIP  
FOR HAM RICHARDSON

Brisbane, Dec. 12.  
American tennis player Ham Richardson learned tonight that he had been elected to a Rhodes scholarship at Oxford University—and immediately locked himself in his room for an evening of study.

Richardson, a member of the United States Davis Cup team, is preparing here for the inter-zone final with Sweden this week. He said he planned to read law at Oxford after completing his Arts degree at Tulane University, Louisiana, in the middle of next year. He did not expect his Oxford scholarship would affect his chances in big tennis. If

Australians won the challenge round late this month, he would be able to play in the 1955 Davis Cup because the Oxford vacation began in December.

"An American victory would simplify things," he added. The challenge rounds would then be played in the United States before he went up to Oxford.—China Mail Special.

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# West German Exports Outstrip Britain

London, Dec. 13.

West German exports have risen faster than British exports this year, a Government report declared here today.

The report said that in the first nine months of this year West German exports rose by 20 per cent and British exports by six per cent over the same period last year.

It added that West German exports had been helped, particularly this year, "by the rapid expansion of demand in their main markets in West Europe."

The report, a Bulletin for Industry, issued by the Treasury, said: "They have not been affected as much as our exports have been by the fall in United States and Canadian imports."

**40 PER CENT MORE**  
In total, however, the United Kingdom is still exporting 40 per cent as much again as Germany.

The bulletin added: "To the sterling area, German exports are about a tenth of ours; to Western Europe, our exports are 3/5 of the German."

"Our export trade is linked to the prosperity of the sterling area and the German export trade is linked to the prosperity of the sterling area. The West European market has, since 1950, expanded more than the sterling area market. In the first half of 1954, Western Europe (excluding Ger-

many) was importing at a rate 35 per cent above the year 1950, by value. The sterling area (excluding the United Kingdom) was importing 20 per cent more."

The Treasury statement said Britain had a bigger stake in the American and Canadian markets, selling "two to three times as much as West Germany." But it added: "In the United States and Canadian markets, in the first nine months of 1954, our exports to these markets were 12 per cent below 1953, German exports four per cent."

The bulletin declared that in Central and South America, West Germany had taken Britain's place as the largest exporter after the United States.

The Treasury bulletin added: "To all other markets, German exports are now in total about the same as ours."

"We export more to the Middle East as a whole, and to Finland; Germany's exports are higher in East Europe, the Balkans, Japan and Yugoslavia."

Comparing the British and West German successes in their world-wide trading struggle, the bulletin made these comments:

Non-electric machinery—the Germans are now exporting 'about as much' as Britain.

Electrical machinery—"our lead is still appreciable." Metals and metal manufactures—British exports, including arms, have risen since 1951, while West Germany's have fallen.

And vehicles—both countries have increased their exports since last year by the same 'broad amount'; our exports are now about double theirs."

Chemical exports from Britain are rising, but "German exports have been going up a lot, and have now passed ours."

Coal and coke—"Germany exports a pool deal more than we do, 25 million metric tons in 1953 compared with our 16 million tons."

## TRANSPORT

"Transport... We still have a clear lead, but this is mainly because there are no German exports of aircraft, which earned us more in 1953 than exports of ships and tanks; in these, Germany has greatly caught up."

Otherwise—"The German total is small compared with ours. Germany has 111 ships in the international oil trade; we have a considerable advantage there."

Reuter.

# Not Enough Rain In Spain In The Dams

The lights have gone off again in Spain owing to drought.

All Spanish cities have "cuts" totalling 30 hours a week. All illuminated signs are suppressed. Commercial users of electricity must cut their consumption by half and even electric rail services have been cut by ten per cent.

This disruption of life in Spain almost every autumn, when the dams run dry, is the subject of much criticism.

One of Spain's leading industrialists, Don Jose Maria Oriol, has said: "In the last ten years, the losses to the national economy due to electric power restrictions total 30,000 million pesetas (£300,000,000)."

Dr Vidal Benito, a Barcelona power expert, giving the same estimate of 30,000 million pesetas of damage to the national economy, added: "But this staggering figure is not the whole story. In 1951 there was a 600 million pesetas (£6,000,000) loss spent on individual emergency generators."

Americans in Spain have expressed their amazement that 15 years after the end of the civil war, the life of Spain is still threatened with economic upheaval and great personal discomfort every time a dry spell occurs.

Several offers have been made to install American emergency power plants in Spain, but the Spanish Government is believed to consider such a solution too costly.

A leading and reliable economic review, Balance, published an editorial accusing the Government's failure to find a solution to the shortage of electric power.

The article, which attracted much attention in industrial and financial circles, referred to the "present lack of foresight" in this problem.

"Although the shortage of electric power is the principal cause to Spain's development," it continued, "the most modern methods and the best brains have still not been mobilised to deal with the problem."

These circles allege also that it might have been wiser to have moved as the Americans did to the Rio Pinar Mines for £7,000,000 and have applied this currency towards solving the urgent power problem.

What the man-in-the-street thinks of a situation which deprives him of light three days a week, leaves him to have to climb endless flights of stairs because the lift does not work, and may reduce him to half-time in his work, was reflected in a newspaper cartoon of a man gazing gloomily out of his window at a sun rising in a sky empty of clouds and commenting: "Oh dear, another of those ghastly sunny days..."

Another cartoon showed a housewife on a balcony cutting down to a junk merchant in the street: "Please come up, I have a refrigerator and an electric iron, an electric heater and a radio which are no use to me any more."—China Mail Special.

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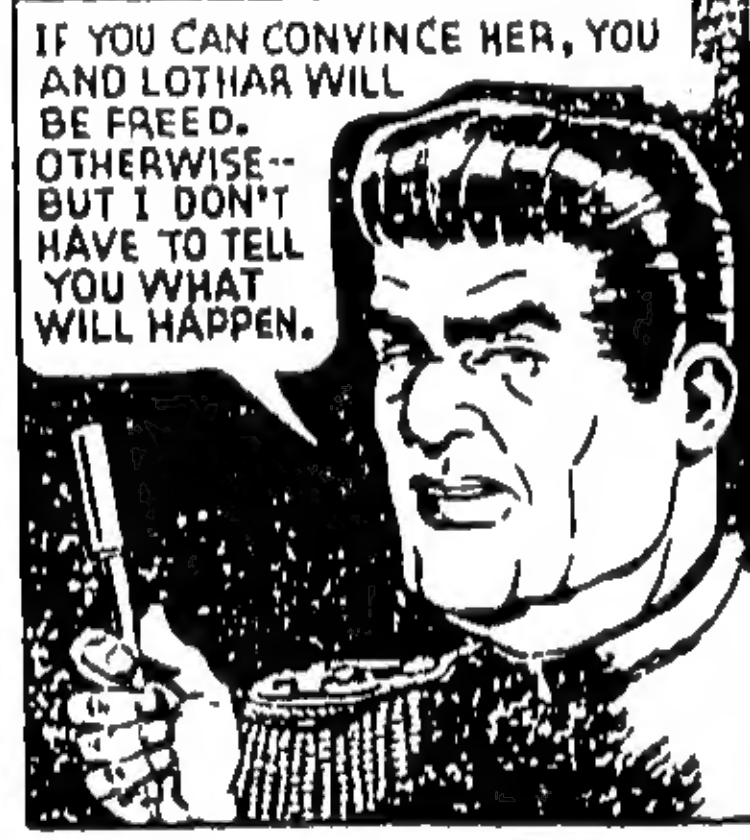
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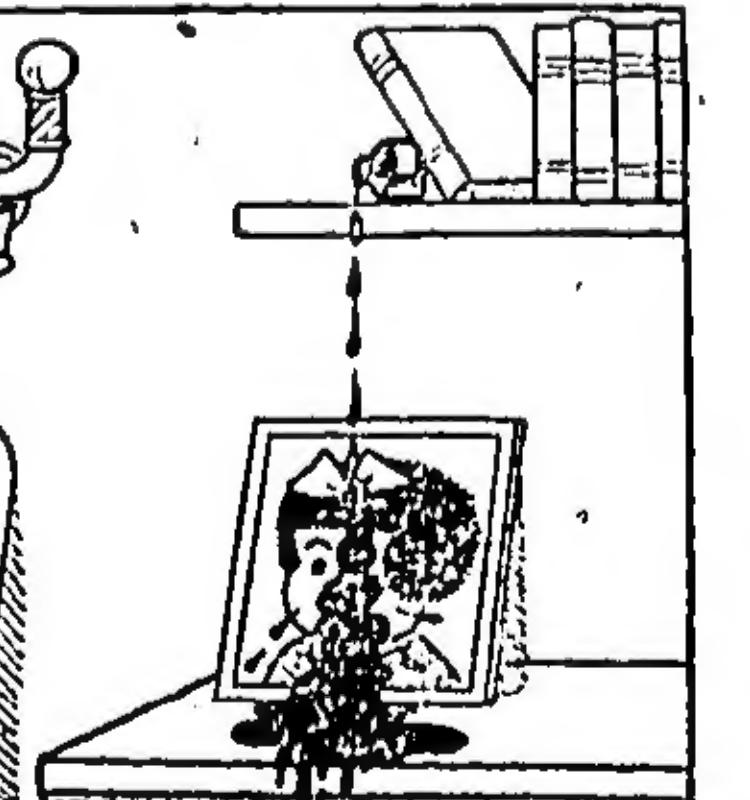
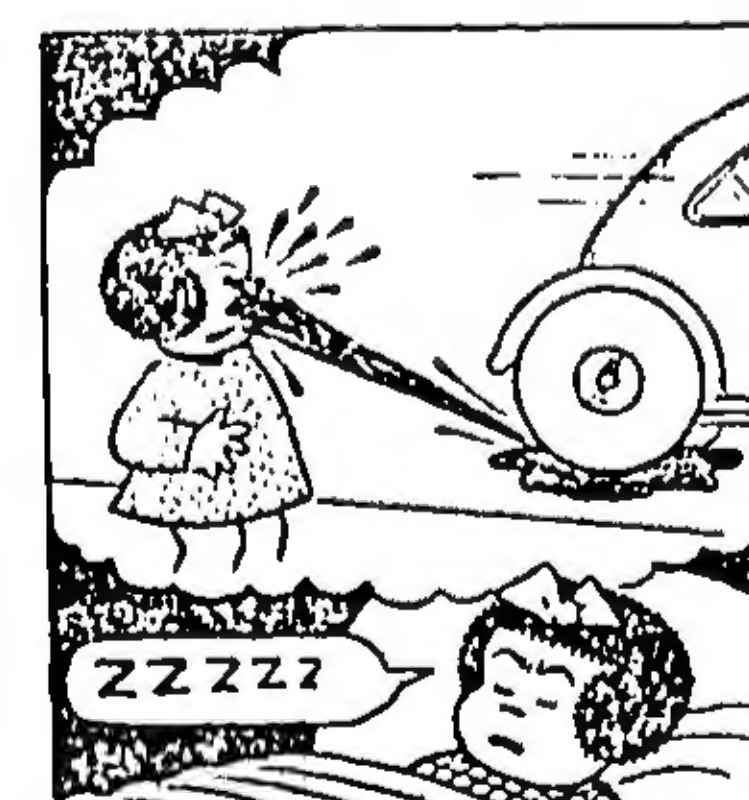
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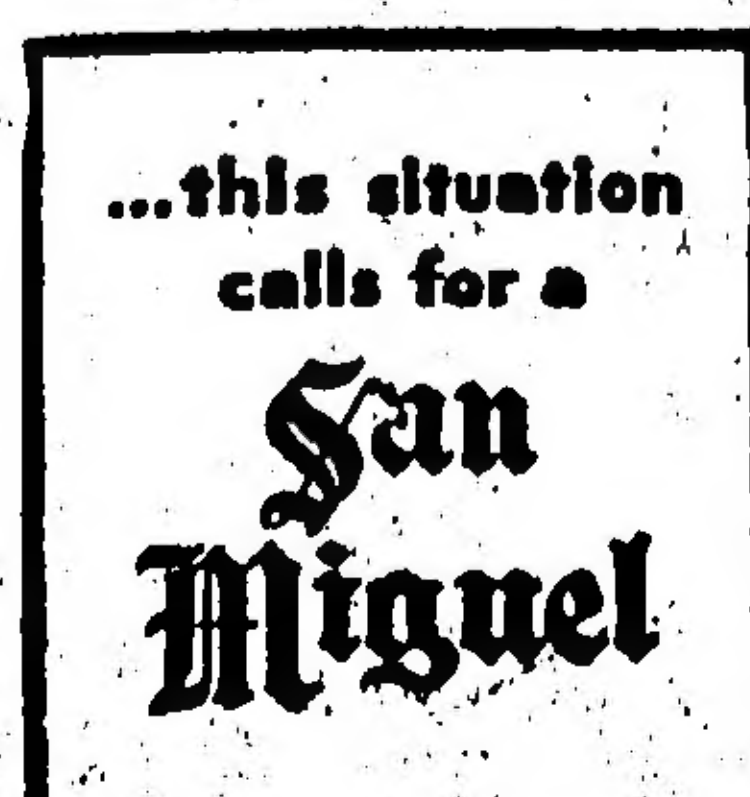
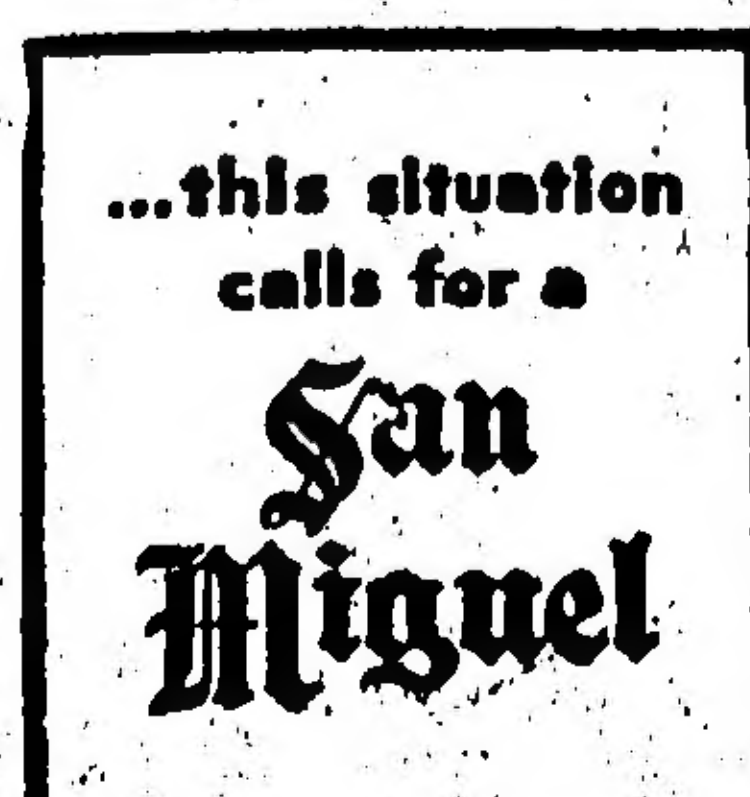
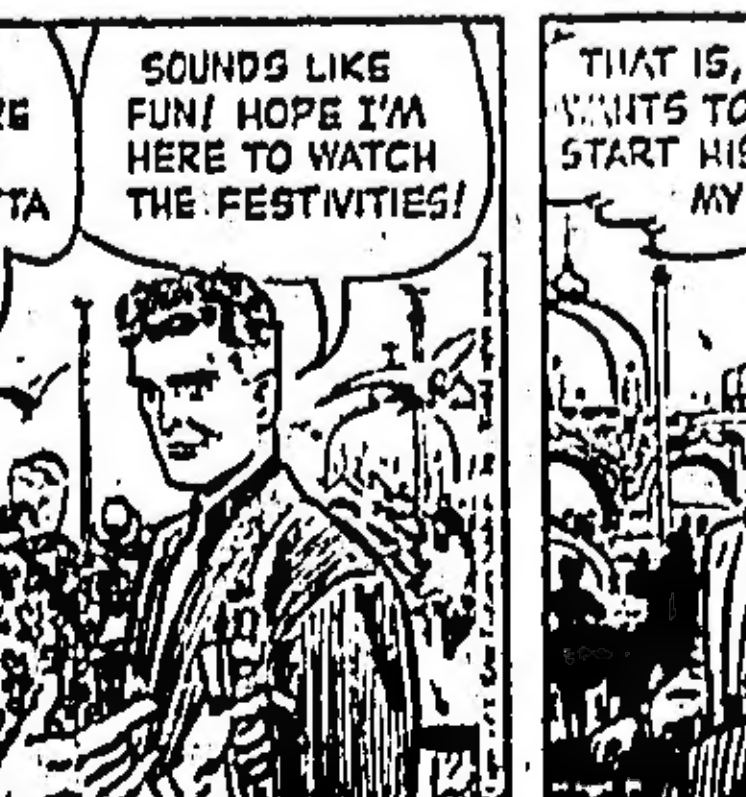
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## No Interference With Law Courts

Bloemfontein, Dec. 12. The South African Prime Minister, Mr. Johannes Strijdom, said here last night that the Nationalist Party Government would never interfere with courts of law.

Mr. Strijdom, who was making his first visit to the Orange Free State since assuming office last week, said that the courts would be respected but Parliament, next to God, was the highest authority in South Africa.

Mr. Strijdom outlined four principles on which he said nationalism in South Africa was founded: These were:

1. The domination of the white man must be maintained with justice to non-Europeans, who must have the right to develop in their own areas according to their nature and ability.

## S. AFRICA FIRST

2. South Africa's interests must always come first.

3. South Africa has an unfettered right to choose her own form of constitution as the majority of people might decide.

4. There must be equal rights for the two big language groups.

"Therefore, when an adequate majority wants a Republic, it must come to pass," he said. "On this sound basis we want co-operation with all who seriously endorse it and want to carry it out."

General Jan Smuts (Prime Minister 1939-48) had surrendered to Imperialist policy and had become "the handymen of the Empire," Mr. Strijdom said.—Reuter.







